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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 28, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/341,549
	Filing Date	July 13, 1999
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	Group Art Unit	2663
	Examiner Name	Derrick W. Ferris
	Attorney Docket Number	60091.00147

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 28, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 28, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 15, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 22, 2003
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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b. ☐ Other _____

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b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 860.00 check #010415 Enclosed

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Further to our telephone conference of today, enclosed is a copy of the Request for Continued Examination filed on August 25, 2003, and a copy of the receipt post card in regard to the above-identified application.

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Kevin F. Turner

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